Radio Collaring of Tiger & leopards

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(a) the number of tigers and leopards radio collared in the country, State-wise,

(b) the amount received from international agencies for radio collaring of the tigers and the State-wise allocation thereof,

(c) whether the radio collaring technique has posed any threat to the wild life,

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) (a) to (c) A Statement is attached

(d) No, Sir

(e) Do not anse

STATEMENT

A research project entitled "Ecology and Management of Large Carnivores" with an outlay of Rs 9,87, 100/-, has been sponsored by Govt of India under Indo-US Rupee Fund Programme which is operated by the Govt of United States under a collaborative arrangement with Govt of India. The project is being implemented in the Nagarahole National Park, Karnataka, since 1989, by the Centre for Wildlife Studies, Mysore, which is a private research institute An amount of Rs 6,01,400/- has been released by the Govt of United States to the above institute under this project so far

As a part of this project, during 7'1 90 to 29 1 90, 4 tigers and 3 leopards have been tranquilness and radio collared in the Nagarahole National Park No other case of radio collaring of any leopard or tiger has been reported in the last 5 years

Tranquilising and radio-collaring of wild animals is an essential part of certain research works related to wildlife conservation Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, prior approval of the Central Government is necessary before the State Government can permit treanquilising and radio collaring of any animal belonging to Schedule I of the above Act While granting such approval a number of conditions are prescribed to ensure that any possible risk of injury or even death is minimised Some of these conditions are

(i) Tranquilising of one animal is allowed at a time

(ii) The second animal can be tranquilised only after the previous one has fully revived

(iii) Tranquilising will be done under expert vetennary care

(iv) The permission is deemed to be withdrawn if any injury or death of the animal occurs

Enrolment and Retention of Students

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the percentage of enrolment of stu-